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FILED IN THE
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Jul 27, 2021

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

RONALD H.¹,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ACTING
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,²

Defendant.

No. 1:20-cv-03201-MKD

**ORDER GRANTING
STIPULATED MOTION FOR
REMAND PURSUANT TO
SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. §
405(g)**

ECF Nos. 15, 19

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 19, requesting remand of the above-captioned matter to the Commissioner for

¹ To protect the privacy of plaintiffs in social security cases, the undersigned identifies them by only their first names and the initial of their last names. *See* LCivR 5.2(c).

² Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Kilolo Kijakazi is substituted for Andrew M. Saul as the defendant in this suit. No further action need be taken to continue this suit. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

1 additional administrative proceeding pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. §
2 405(g). Attorney D. James Tree represents Plaintiff. Attorney Katherine Watson
3 represents Defendant. The parties have consented to proceed before a magistrate
4 judge. ECF No. 6.

5 After consideration, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

6 1. The District Court Executive is directed to substitute Kilolo Kijakazi as
7 the Defendant and update the docket sheet.
8 2. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, **ECF No. 19**, is **GRANTED**.
9 3. The above-captioned case be **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the
10 Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative proceeding pursuant to
11 sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

12 The parties have stipulated to the following:

13 On remand, the Appeals Council will affirm the favorable portion of the
14 decision. The Appeals council will instruct the ALJ to:

15 • Offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a new hearing;
16 • Reconsider whether Plaintiff's impairments were severe prior to June
17 26, 2017;
18 • Reconsider Plaintiff's residual functional capacity;
19 • Obtain evidence from a medical expert regarding the nature and
20 severity of Plaintiff's impairments and their date of onset, as needed;

- 1 • Reevaluate the opinion evidence; and
- 2 • Take further action to complete the administrative record, resolve the
- 3 above issues, and issue a new decision.

4 See ECF No. 19 at 2.

5 3. Judgment shall be entered for **PLAINTIFF**.

6 4. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, **ECF No. 15**, is **STRICKEN**
7 **AS MOOT.**

8 5. Upon proper presentation, this Court consider Plaintiff's application for
9 fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

10 The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, **enter**
11 **Judgment**, forward copies to counsel, and **CLOSE THE FILE**.

12 DATED July 27, 2021.

13 s/Mary K. Dimke

14 MARY K. DIMKE

15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE